

### ***In the Claims***

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

1        1.    [Currently amended] A computer implemented method for  
2        creating and submitting to an accounting ledger system  
3        digital signals representing a valid chart of accounts from  
4        ~~which an administrator of a local enterprise can facilitate~~  
5        ~~and enable a requisitioner to select~~ a valid general ledger  
6        account ~~when generating~~ by a requisitioner upon generating a  
7        requisition for goods and services with reference to a chart  
8        of general ledger account codes mapped to commodity codes  
9        prepared and stored as digital signals in a chart of  
10       accounts database by an administrator of an enterprise,  
11       comprising the steps of:

12                establishing a communication link with an external  
13                enterprise catalog computer system; [[and]]

14                building with reference to said enterprise catalog  
15                computer system an appropriate chart of accounts for a  
16                given company as digital signals in an electronic  
17                storage device ~~for a given company;~~

18 transmitting from said enterprise catalog computer  
19 system as digital signals a chart of accounts with  
20 descriptions to a requisition catalog computer system  
21 database in a local enterprise specified format;

22 administrator selecting from said requisition catalog  
23 computer system database valid accounts with  
24 descriptions for a given commodity and purchase period  
25 for said given company, said description mapping  
26 general ledger account codes selected by said  
27 administrator to a given commodity code from an  
28 associated accounting computer system;

29 upon said requisitioner initiating a requisition  
30 creation process, displaying to said requisitioner a  
31 commodity description document presenting a plurality  
32 of commodity descriptions and corresponding commodity  
33 codes; [[and]]

34 said requisitioner selecting a selected commodity code  
35 ~~from a~~ from said commodity description document[[,]]; i

36 ~~presenting~~ selecting from said chart of accounts  
37 database only those general ledger accounting codes

appropriate ~~for a~~ for said selected commodity code ~~to~~  
~~said requisitioner,~~ and initiating a proceed to  
accounting process, ~~and~~ including presenting to said  
requisitioner a financial worksheet with valid general  
ledger accounts numbers and descriptions corresponding  
to said selected commodity code; and

responsive to said mapping, said requisitioner  
executing financial validation on a requisition for  
said commodities by selecting from said financial  
worksheet a general ledger account code mapped to said  
given commodity code;

thereupon said requisitioner completing preparing said  
requisition by ~~selecting general ledger accounting~~  
~~codes, from those presented as appropriate to a~~  
~~selected commodity code,~~ and populating fields in said  
financial worksheet with properly designated general  
ledger accounting codes;

communicating to and storing at said accounting ledger  
system digital signals representing said valid general  
ledger account.

1       2.   [Original]   The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2       the steps of:

3           requisitioner searching against commodities and  
4           catalogs in commodity description documents and  
5           responsive thereto, creating one or more line items.

1       3.   [Previously presented]   The method of claim 2, further  
2       comprising the steps of:

3           administrator creating a company commodity document  
4           including for each commodity code under each company, a  
5           commodity category code, a short description, a long  
6           description, key words, approvers, financial  
7           information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
8           preferred supplier, and special handling codes;

9           requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
10          process, which displays those line items from said  
11          company commodity document which may be selected by  
12          said requisitioner; and

13          displaying to said requisitioner an agent created

14 financial worksheet with fields which need to be  
15 selected or populated by said requisitioner derived  
16 from said company commodity document, based on purchase  
17 type;

18 said requisitioner selecting from said company  
19 commodity document and populating to said financial  
20 worksheet valid general ledger accounts numbers and  
21 descriptions.

4-14. [Canceled]

1 15. [Withdrawn] A computer program product for creating a  
2 valid chart of accounts from which an administrator of a  
3 local enterprise can facilitate and enable a requisitioner  
4 to select a valid general ledger account, said computer  
5 program product comprising:

6 a computer readable medium;

7 first program instructions to establish a communication  
8 link with an external enterprise catalog computer  
9 system to build an appropriate chart of accounts for a  
10 given company;

11 second program instructions to transmit from said  
12 enterprise catalog system a chart of accounts with  
13 descriptions to a requisition catalog computer system  
14 database;

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16 third program instructions to enable an administrator  
17 to select from said requisition catalog computer system  
18 database valid accounts with descriptions for a given  
19 commodity and purchase period, said description mapping  
20 account codes selected by said administrator to a given  
21 commodity code from an associated accounting computer  
22 system for use by a requester at a computer terminal to  
23 select a correct general ledger account when doing  
24 financial validation on a requisition for said  
25 commodities;

26 fourth program instructions to enable said  
27 administrator to then associate a selected  
28 account/description tuple with company commodity groups  
29 for use in a requisition creation process; and

30 fifth program instructions, responsive to said  
31 requester selecting a commodity from a commodity  
32 description document, to present said commodity codes,

33           initiate a proceed to accounting process, and to  
34           present to said requisitioner a financial worksheet  
35           with valid general ledger accounts numbers and  
36           descriptions for selection by said requisitioner; and  
37           wherein

38           said first, second, third, fourth, and fifth program  
39           instructions are recorded on said medium.

16.   [Canceled]

1       17.   [Withdrawn]   The computer program product of claim 15,  
2       further comprising:

3           sixth program instructions to enable said administrator  
4           to create a company commodity document including for  
5           each commodity code under each company, a commodity  
6           category code, a short description, a long description,  
7           key words, approvers, financial information, route-to  
8           buyer by plant association, preferred supplier, and  
9           special handling codes all usable for enabling customer  
10          selection of a correct commodity;

11          seventh program instructions responsive to said

12 requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
13 process, to display at a computer terminal line items  
14 which may be selected by said requisitioner; and

15 eighth program instructions to display at said computer  
16 terminal an agent created financial worksheet with  
17 fields which need to be selected or populated by  
18 requisitioner derived from said company commodity  
19 document, based on purchase type, thereby presenting  
20 valid general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions  
21 to said requisitioner at said computer terminal; and  
22 wherein

23 said sixth, seventh, and eighth program instructions  
24 are recorded on said medium.

1 18. [Withdrawn] The computer program product of claim 15,  
2 further comprising:

3 sixth program instructions responsive to said  
4 requisitioner searching against commodities and  
5 catalogs in commodity description documents to create  
6 one or more line items; and wherein



7           said sixth program instructions are recorded on said  
8           medium.

1       19. [Withdrawn] The computer program of claim 18 further  
2       comprising:

3           seventh program instructions for enabling said  
4           administrator to create a company commodity document  
5           including for each commodity code under each company, a  
6           commodity category code, a short description, a long  
7           description, key words, approvers, financial  
8           information, route-to buyer by plant association,  
9           preferred supplier, and special handling codes all  
10          usable for enabling customer selection of a correct  
11          commodity;

12          eighth program instructions responsive to said  
13          requisitioner initiating a proceed to accounting  
14          process to display line items which may be selected by  
15          said requisitioner; and

16          ninth program instructions to display at said computer  
17          terminal an agent created financial worksheet with  
18          fields which need to be selected or populated by said

19 requisitioner derived from company commodity document,  
20 based on purchase type, thereby presenting valid  
21 general ledger accounts numbers and descriptions to  
22 said requisitioner; and wherein

23 said seventh, eighth, and ninth program instructions  
24 are recorded on said medium.

1 20. [Currently amended] The method of claim 3, further  
2 comprising the steps of:

3 displaying to said administrator an accounting computer  
4 system generated chart of accounts, said chart  
5 including for each account an account identifier and  
6 commodity description;

7 responsive to administrator selection, associating a  
8 selected commodity description and account identifier  
9 from said chart of accounts with a company commodity  
10 group document together with information describing a  
11 correct commodity; and

12 responsive to said information, said requisitioner  
13 selecting said correct commodity.

1 21. [Previously presented] The method of claim 20, said  
2 information including commodity description, approvers,  
3 general ledger account, route-to buyer, and preferred  
4 supplier.

22-23. [Canceled]

1 24. [Newly added] The method of claim 21, said information  
2 further including sub-commodity codes, and further including  
3 the steps of

4 sub-dividing a plurality of goods under a given  
5 commodity; and

6 for each sub-commodity code linking a corresponding  
7 sub-commodity to corresponding suppliers and purchase  
8 processes.